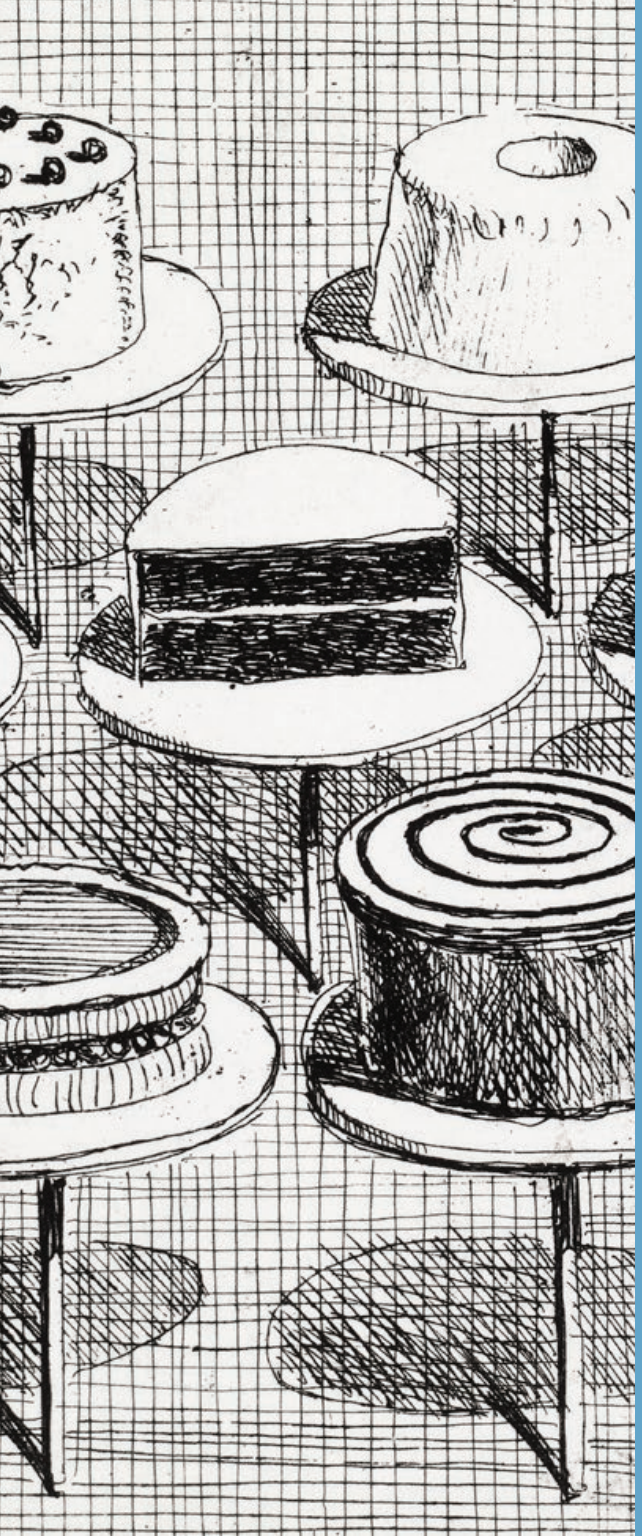
Toledo Museum of Art

Wayne Thiebaud 100

Paintings, Prints, and Drawings

FAMILY GUIDE



It's a Party!

This exhibition celebrates the 100th (!) birthday of artist Wayne Thiebaud (his name is pronounced TEE-boh). Using the prompts in this gallery guide, join the party and explore *Wayne Thiebaud 100: Paintings, Prints and Drawings* to find works of art that will tantalize the taste buds and stimulate the senses!

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Wayne Thiebaud, *Cake Window* (detail), from *Delights* series. Etching, 1964. Crocker Art Museum, gift of the Artist's family, 1995.9.1.13. © 2021 Wayne Thiebaud / Licensed by VAGA at Artists Rights Society (ARS), NY.

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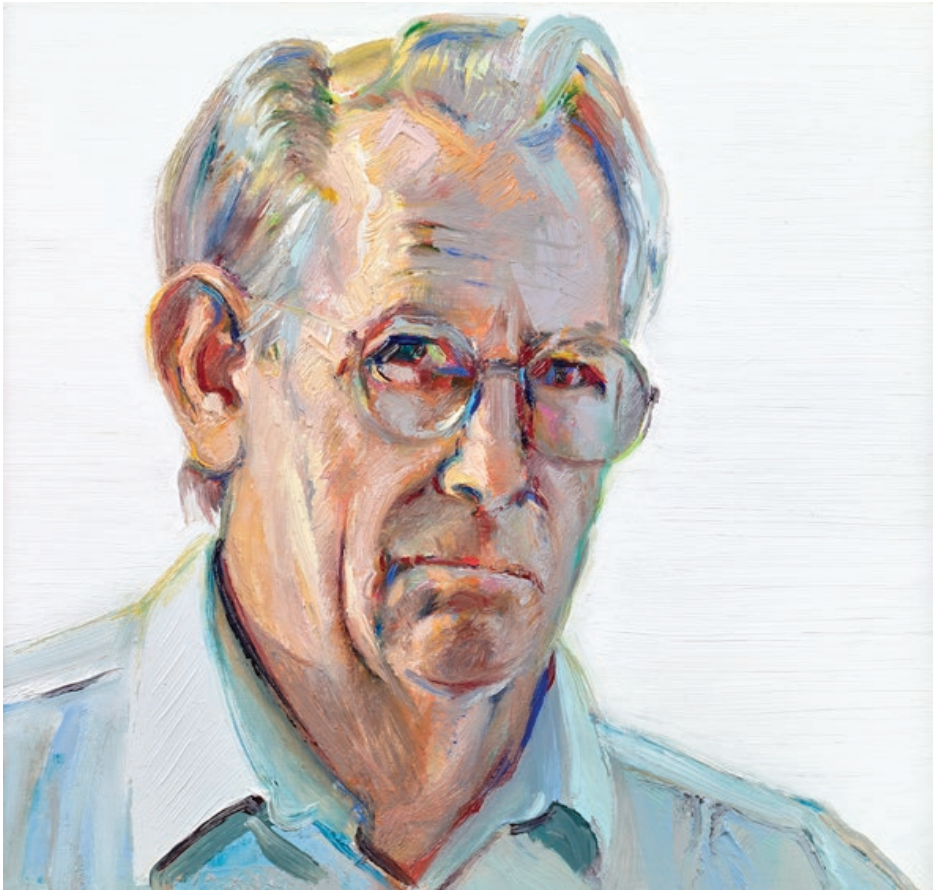

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Wayne Thiebaud, *Self-Portrait (4 Hour Study)*. Oil on board, 1989. Collection of Paul LeBaron Thiebaud Trust. © 2021 Wayne Thiebaud / Licensed by VAGA at Artists Rights Society (ARS), NY.

About the Artist

Wayne Thiebaud is an American artist born on November 15th, 1920 in Mesa, Arizona. He grew up in Utah and California, where he currently resides. He is best known for creating realistic looking paintings of sweet treats and everyday objects, but he also paints landscapes and portraits of people.

Party Time

Using thick paint and exaggerated colors, Mr. Thiebaud often creates artwork that looks good enough to eat! Imagine that you're getting ready for a party. Walk through the gallery and look closely for all the items you'll need to celebrate.

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Wayne Thiebaud, *Bakery Counter*. Oil on graphite on paper, 1993. Courtesy of the artist.
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Cake!

You can't have a party without a cake! A good place to find a cake is a bakery. Look for the picture called the *Bakery Counter*. Have you ever been to a counter like this at a bakery or a grocery store?

Imagine the smells of the baked goods and the bread fresh out of the oven.

Which cake would you choose to bring to the party? Look closely and pick your favorite.

Mr. Thiebaud uses thick and heavy brushstrokes in the painting to recreate the texture of a frosted cake. Do you like a lot of frosting? Or just a little? How do you think the cakes in this painting would taste?

Pie!

Maybe you'd prefer some pie instead? Look for the artwork entitled *Boston Cremes*, which depicts 15 delicious slices of Boston cream pie—custard layered with chocolate, with cherries on top.

Pies come in many flavors. Some are cream or custard pies and some are filled with fruit. Some even have a combination of both. What's your favorite?

What colors do you notice in this painting?

What shape are these pie slices? Look for similar shapes in other pictures in the gallery.

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Wayne Thiebaud, *Boston Cremes*. Oil on canvas. 1962. Crocker Art Museum Purchase, 1964.22. © 2021 Wayne Thiebaud / Licensed by VAGA at Artists Rights Society (ARS), NY.

Are all these sweets making you thirsty? See if you can find the painting of six soda pop bottles.

Wayne Thiebaud uses many different mediums, or materials (paint, pastels, pencil, watercolor, and others), to create his artwork. For this picture, he used watercolor on paper. Have you ever painted with watercolor paints?

Pop!

Using color, light, and shadow, Mr. Thiebaud makes these pops look good enough to drink!

What flavors do you think they are?

Which one would you drink?

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Wayne Thiebaud, *Untitled (Six Soda Pops)*. Watercolor on paper, about 1985. Collection of Matt and Maria Bult. © 2021 Wayne Thiebaud / Licensed by VAGA at Artists Rights Society (ARS), NY.

Party Clothes!

If you are going to a party, you might want to get dressed up and wear something fancy. Look at the pictures in this exhibition for something you'd like to wear to a party. What can you find?

Check out the colorful bowties! (If you don't want to wear a bowtie, maybe they could double as a hair bow.)

Which one matches your outfit?

What patterns do you see?

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Wayne Thiebaud, *Bow Ties*. Color lithograph hand-worked with pastel, 1993. Crocker Art Museum, gift of the artist's family, 1995.9.38. © 2021 Wayne Thiebaud / Licensed by VAGA at Artists Rights Society (ARS), NY.

Make Your Own Dessert!

After the cake is served and the presents are opened, top off the party with one last dessert.

At home, sketch out what dessert you might choose, inspired by *Wayne Thiebaud 100: Paintings, Prints and Drawings*. Maybe cake. Pie? Perhaps an ice cream sundae. Or you can even make your own yummy treat with a grown-up's help.

Then ask an adult to snap a photo of your creation and share it to TMA's social media pages! Use #TMAatHome to share!

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